

COUNTRY Germany REPORT NO. 70007-8TOPIC Loading and Unloading Operations in SperenbergDATE PREPARED 18 August 1952PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. Beginning at 3:30 p.m. on 15 July 1952, six boxcars with officers and EM, billeting equipment and utensils and 30 flatcars with sideracks carrying 16 pontoons and trucks were unloaded at the Sperenberg (N 53 1/2 80) railroad station.

The troops left the station in the direction of the Schumke Kaserne. Another train consisting of 3 boxcars with officers and EM, 1 boxcar with billeting and signal equipment and 20 flatcars with sideracks with pontoons and motor vehicles were unloaded at night on the same day.

These troops also left in the direction of the Schumke Kaserne.* Three trains consisting of a total of 135 cars carrying AAA units and equipment were loaded at the Sperenberg railroad station on 20 and 21 July. they were dispatched in the direction of Rostock. A total of 21x76.2-mm AA guns, 8 searchlights, about 110 cm in diameter, 2 field kitchens and billeting equipment had been loaded.

2. An instruction course for engineer officers was being held at the Schumke Kaserne during the period of observation. Numerous officers with baggage arrived in Sperenberg during the period from 15 to 19 July. Groups of about 20 officers each were seen engaged in engineer problems on 18, 20 and 21 July.***

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* Comment. The trains which arrived in Sperenberg on 15 July, definitely carried components of the 35th Engr Regt (US) of the Third Gds Mec Army which were returning to its post from the engineer training area in Wittenberg. Another train was also reported

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Comment. The trains seen on 20 and 21 July were also reported and went to Neubukow. They carried elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div which moved to Mustraw.

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Comment. The engineer course of instruction for officers held with the 35th Engr Regt (US) stationed in the Schumke Kaserne tends to indicate that the course was conducted on orders of the Third Gds Mec Army.

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